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## FANWOOD

The pupils and members of the household remaining at school during Christmas week had an enjoyable time, and were treated to a bountiful dinner on Christmas Day. The pupils had a party of their own at which gifts were presented to each, as well as boxes of candy.

Mrs. Adele Clerc Ogden, granddaughter of Laurent Clerc, annually sends a box of Christmas toys or Christmas cards to the children of our School who must remain with us during the holidays. We deeply appreciate the interest which Mrs. Ogden shows in our pupils. With the Christmas gifts Mrs. Ogden sends the following beautiful Christmas message.

### A YULETIDE SONG

The sweetest Song  
Of the whole year long  
Is that of the Holy Birth,  
When Yule bells ring,  
And the angels sing  
Of joy to the listening earth.  
Where watch was kept  
O'er flocks that slept,  
There came a Star so fair,  
A flash of light  
In the clear midnight,  
A Song on the frosty air.  
"Fear not," the cry  
From the midnight sky  
Fell on the listening ear.  
(No cause for fright  
On that peaceful night,  
With the hosts of heaven near).  
"To you is born  
This Christmas morn,  
A Saviour from on high;  
"Go view the Child  
With His Mother mild  
Where the horn-ed cattle lie  
"In Bethlehem's shed  
Is a manger-bed,  
Where the new-born Child doth rest;  
"To Bethlehem's town  
Is a King come down,  
Greet ye the royal Guest."  
Then a glorious Song  
From the Angel-throng,  
Came ringing from the sky.  
"Good will and Peace"  
That will never cease,  
"Glory to God on high."  
Mid the toil and strife  
Of this earthly life,  
The music may grow dim;  
But to hearts that wait,  
From heaven's gate,  
Still sounds the blessed hymn.  
"Peace and good will"  
As we hear it still  
From the Herald in the sky.  
Let us join the Song  
Of the Angel-throng,  
"Glory to God on high."  
ADELE CLERC OGDEN.

The Christmas service of the junior congregation of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Park Avenue at Fifty-first Street, was held at 10 P.M. on December 20th in the chapel. Christmas gifts, to be sent to the children of the New York School for the Deaf and of St. Mary's Hospital, were brought and presented by the members of the congregation at this service. Many very lovely games, toys and playthings to delight the hearts of the children were received by our children at Fanwood.

On Christmas morning, Mr. Powell acted as Santa Claus for the pupils here at school. He is a member of a group of young folks who each year provide gifts for the pupils who remain with us. The children were most grateful for their generous presents.

"Crack"—and the report of a rifle shot reverberated through the stillness of the Catskill woodland on a frosty morning. Bruin's 300 pounds fell over and "bit the dust." Presently the big bearskin rug on his floor will attest to the fact that Major Altenderfer's aim was unerring and true.

Vacation reports have it that Mr. Thranhardt, our instructor in electricity, is enjoying a holiday cruise through the West Indies.

Lieut. Thomas Kolenda enjoyed a vacation trip to Hamilton, Canada, visiting relatives, and on the way back stopped off at Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. David Morrill are spending the holiday season at the old hometown in North Carolina.

Placement of Fanwood ex-pupils in November, 1936, have been: one man as carpenter, temporary work at fifty cents an hour, and one woman, candy packer at \$7.00 a week to start.

Printing office tyros working during the holidays to get out the JOURNAL are cadets La Sala, Einnehmer, Fuchs and Konrady.

## Denial of Licenses to Drive Called Error

A suit to compel the Police Department to renew the drivers' licenses of three deaf-mutes was dismissed by Circuit Judge Lester S. Moll Wednesday, after Edward A. Mitte, director of traffic, had explained that the denial was a mistake.

"In response to the question on the application, 'Have you any physical disability that would prevent you from driving?' the mutes answered 'yes,'" Mitte explained.

"The policeman who took the questionnaire in the absence of Sergeant Walter Leddy, in charge of drivers' applications, refused to forward their applications to Lansing and marked across the application 'void because of deafness.'"

Meanwhile, Clarence McKenzie, of 7025 Lambert Ave., one of the three applicants, obtained the services of Howard L. Philippart, an attorney, and filed a petition for a writ of mandamus in Circuit Court to compel the Police Department to grant the licenses.

Mitte, after meeting with the Appeal Board of the Secretary of State's office several days ago, ordered Sergeant Leddy to give the three drivers a road test.

Such tests have been given to more than 500 deaf-mutes in Detroit and all have qualified for a driver's license, Mitte said.

Judge Moll granted Philippart's motion to dismiss the suit Wednesday on the ground that the license had been granted. The road tests will be continued for mutes as in the past, Mitte said.

The others whose road test qualified them for drivers' licenses were Frank L. Schwartz, of 7370 Melrose Ave., and Charles Covert, of 8036 Piedmont Ave.—*Detroit Free Press, December 24th.*

## Sundry

A cheery note accompanied the subscription of a happy trio from Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, calling themselves "Haney, Hawkins and Wright," and wishing all and sundry "a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

## Gallaudet College

By Will Rogers

On Saturday, December 19th, Professor Fusfeld, a teaching-fellow at Columbia University for the present year, returned to Washington to spend a part of the holidays with old friends. Mr. Fusfeld is one of a group which is taking up education of handicapped children, with a view to improving teaching methods for the deaf. Sunday, Mr. Fusfeld lectured in chapel and gave a very interesting talk on methods of instruction, and types of work being done at Columbia. It is safe to say that we were as happy to have him with us again as he was to return to his old haunts, and it is our profound hope that he will see fit to resume his teaching duties here next fall.

Wednesday evening, December 23, Old Jim re-echoed to the care-free joy of a vacationing student body, which turned out en-masse to witness the annual inter-class volley-ball clash. As a climax to term exams, studies were forgotten, and practically everyone was on hand to support his or her respective team. This traditional tilt, in spite of its effeminate nature, was not lacking in thrills. After a hard fought battle, the Lower women's team, though handicapped, by a dearth of experienced players, triumphed over the Upper women by a 2-0 count. The men's teams got off to a slow start, but soon warmed up and gave a real exhibition of volley-balling. Spectators were held spell-bound for two games, as the score see-sawed back and forth, always, however, favoring the Uppers. The first game was a walk-away for the more seasoned Uppers, but a determined defense from the Lower in the second tilt kept them from putting the game on ice until the score stood at 14 all. At this juncture, speedy playing on the part of the towering Burnett, and flashy N. Brown squashed the rally, and the round finally ended in favor of the Uppers, giving them supremacy for another year.

Thursday evening those students remaining at college during the holidays assembled in the chapel for the annual Christmas Eve party. A grab-bag furnished all with some small gift, and a short Christmas play rendered the evening very enjoyable. Following the party, as has been customary for the past several years, Professor Doctor escorted a group of young men and women to the Franciscan Monastery for Christmas Mass. Some fifty students attended, and in spite of their inability to hear the sermon and choir singing, all greatly enjoyed the services. The ceremony, attracting several thousand people yearly, was beautifully rendered, and very interesting for those non-Catholics who attended.

Gallaudet students were somewhat surprised to receive the news of Mr. Heimo Antilla's marriage to Miss Lucille Jones. Both are members of the graduating classes of '34 and '35, respectively. Mr. Antilla was formerly boys' supervisor in Kendall School, but resigned to accept a more remunerative position. The ceremony, held December 19th, at the Methodist Parsonage, was performed by the Rev. H. P. Baker. At present, the newlyweds are planning to make their home at Strassburg, Va. Best wishes to these two young people, and a Happy New Year to you all!

## NEW YORK CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kohn happened to be downtown last Saturday afternoon. Towards dusk, Sam, ever mindful of the needs of the inner man, queried: "Where do we eat?"

Mrs. Kohn pondered a moment and then replied: "Gasner's."

"O. K." said Sam. "Let's go."

So uptown they wended their way to Gasner's Restaurant on Broadway and 161st Street.

Meantime an energetic committee of two, Mrs. Nettie Bachrach and Mrs. Samuel Bramson, had, unbeknown to the Kohns, completed all arrangements for a "surprise," and when the Kohns showed up at the private dining room engaged for the occasion, the usually voluble Sam for once in his life was totally inarticulate—flabbergasted, in fact,—when he beheld the smiling faces of nearly fifty friends, including his son Edward and daughter Betty, seated around three long tables in shape of an inverted U.

It develops that both Mr. and Mrs. Kohn were born on the same day, in the same year, 50 years ago, so the event was in the nature of a double birthday celebration. They were also married twenty-four years ago this month.

Mrs. Bachrach acted as master of ceremonies and presented a tidy purse to the guests of honor. The way she expedited matters caused favorable comment. Only two speakers were called upon—Marcus L. Kenner and Harry Pierce Kane—to offer felicitations. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kohn and Betty Kohn responded, and then the room was turned over to the eager bridge fans for the rest of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kohn are both graduates of Fanwood and well-known and popular among the deaf. Mr. Kohn has held a very responsible position for many years as proof-reader in the office of a big publishing house.

Gasner's Restaurant is famous for the excellence of its cuisine and is a favorite resort for the deaf.

Mrs. Bachrach and Mrs. Bramson deserve great credit for the capable manner in which they carried out all arrangements.

Mr. Lew Goldwasser, who is no benedict, invited six young married couples to his annual Yuletide-party last Saturday evening, December 26th, at his home on Haven Avenue in Washington Heights. There were plenty of eats and gay games for everyone. Best of all was having the host's mother and father at the party, both admirably watching the "youngsters" having a merry evening. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Jack Ebin, Leo Epstein, Teddy Jacobs, Art Kruger, Sam Rogalsky and Jerome Schapira. Also included in the party was Mrs. Freida Miller of Boston, who was in town as house guest of the Ebins for one week during the holiday season.

The election of new officers for the Deaf-Mutes Union League, held at the December business meeting, resulted as follows: James Quinn, President; Frank Fischer, Vice-President; Joseph Mortiller, Secretary; Samuel Lowenherz, Treasurer. The Board of Governors consists of Messrs. B. Friedwald, J. Ebin, A. Barr, N. Schwartz and E. Bloom, Jr.

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## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to William T. Uren, School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio

With the coming of Christmas, when all the pupils are at home for the holidays, the Ohio institution is usually a quiet place with only the maintenance staff on duty. But strangely enough, the institution this year is a hive of activity. The reason is the W. P. A. workers starting work on two projects. One project, calling for an expenditure of \$22,887. This project covers such items as shoring up the South Industrial building, reconditioning the cold storages, installing safety hardware in the auditorium doors, relocking the building, reconditioning the swimming pools and shower rooms and providing new lights for these, plumbing, plastering, etc. The other project totals \$70,799. This will go for new roads, and walks, the school grounds are to be landscaped. A new fountain is to be built, and the beautiful bronze fountain figure presented to the school by a prominent sculptor will be worked into the landscaping program.

It is hoped that all this work will be finished before the reunion next September, so that the Alumni will be able to wonder at the change come over their *Alma Mater*. Superintendent Abernathy said that in former projects the deaf were employed as much as possible, their work was more than pleasing and he will insist that deaf workers be given preference on these projects.

The Columbus Silents Bowling League was again in action on Sunday, December 20th. They played before a packed gallery of local and out-of-town deaf visitors. Plans are now being laid for the All Ohio Deaf Bowling Tournament, to be held in Columbus on Saturday, March 27th. It promises to be Ohio's best social attraction of the indoor social season. Entries are starting to come in all ready and in the near future.

Mr. Charles Miller, the school's coach, is in charge of the social to entertain the visitors. He has secured the Knights of Pythias Hall on South High Street. Refreshments of every variety is assured visitors, and a program of entertainment is now being arranged.

Willard and Harry Carlisle motored down from Hillsboro to see the bowling, both have steady employment.

David Smith, lately of Lancaster, but now of Detroit, Mich., was a visitor at the bowling games Sunday. He works for the Ford Motor Co., making radiators for the well-known V 8. Dave says he cannot get away from heat, in the glass factories of Lancaster he used to have a hot job and now in Detroit his job is just as hot as his old one. Well David, we cannot all be choosers, a hot job is better than no job at all.

The banquet given in honor of T. H. Gallaudet by the Columbus Branch N. A. D., was held at the Fort Hayes Hotel on December 12th. Forty people were present, Mr. James Flood was toastmaster, and a boy with a wit like Jimmy's always goes over big. Movies and cards were the attraction after the speakers had done their stuff in no mean manner.

The following were elected officers of the local branch, N. A. D., for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Roy Stallo; Vice-President, Mr. Roy Stallo; Secretary, Miss K. Buster; Treasurer, Mr. J. Flood.

Mr. James Ryan, the jovial instructor in charge of printing here at the school, was stricken with appendicitis at his home on December 12th. He was taken to White Cross Hospital where a successful operation was performed. However, Mr. Ryan did not rally so well after the operation and fears for his life was felt by doctors. But begorra, yez can't keep the Irish down and Mr. Ryan is now making a slow recovery and worrying the good doctors and nurses for a good cigar.

He is sure to get some Christmas Day anyhow, as his friends at the school are going to send him a box of the best perfectos.

The maintenance staff of the school are now busy making arrangements for a gay Christmas party for the 20 or so pupils who remained over the holidays. Each one can rest assured that Santa will not pass them by. These pupils did not go home, because their parents could not afford their fare, and some lived too far away, so their parents preferred they stay at the school. The party planned for them is as good, if not better than most of them would get at home, the only thing that will be missing is their families.

W. T. UREN.

Dec. 23, '36.

## OMAHA

The Rev. Homer E. Grace held services at Trinity Cathedral, Sunday, December 6th, at 3 P.M. He delivered an interesting sermon, followed by holy communion, and H. G. Long signed "Silent Night, Holy Night." After services all adjourned to the parish house, where Mrs. Ruth Schoppe, the sponsor of the mission, gave a tea. It was her way of saying "Merry Christmas" and very appropriate and pleasing to all. Several ladies from the hearing auxiliary assisted Mrs. Schoppe in serving. There were about forty present, including several children. On the table was a long runner with an ornamental silver Christmas tree and two tall candle sticks. The ladies served red and white moulded sherbet with assorted fancy cakes, red and white ring mints, and mixed nuts and coffee. Mrs. Schoppe was a gracious and charming hostess. She is loved and admired by all in the mission. Tom L. Anderson interpreted for Mrs. Schoppe. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McConnell and Mrs. McConnell's mother also came from Council Bluffs.

Beta Chapter, Kappa Gamma Fraternity, met at the Y. M. C. A. in Council Bluffs, Tuesday, December 8th, and enjoyed their monthly confab and repast. Afterwards they gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Anderson with their wives and partners. Here, a victim of a surprise birthday party was Miss Mary Dobson. She was told to follow instructions, beginning with a string and went to various parts of the rooms gathering letters, which when put together across the room formed the words "Happy Birthday." Then she followed other instructions which lead to different places and finally under the bed she found a pile of lovely and useful gifts, including lingerie. Five tables of bridge were enjoyed. Miss Verna Thompson, new teacher at the Iowa School from Gallaudet, and Nathan Lahn won the prizes for high scores, and Mrs. T. Scott Cusaden and Oscar M. Treuke were given consolations. The affair wound up with delightful refreshments served by the hostess. Being on the night shift at the Metropolitan Utilities Plant, Scott Cusaden had to leave early, and as he bade good-bye and closed the door he slipped on the icy porch with a bang and a thud and saw a million stars. We don't know if the neighbors were alarmed. Watch your step next time Scott, old top.

On Saturday night, December 12th, a movie "The Man on the Box," starring Syd Chaplin, was shown on the silver screen at the N. S. D. It was engineered by Eugene Fry, the proceeds to go towards the Nebraska Association of the Deaf Convention Fund. There was also a comedy as an added feature. Donald Dey of Fort Calhoun, and Frank Jahnel of Blair, were in town that Saturday.

Joseph Purpura said good-bye to his intimate friends and relatives and left at midnight, Tuesday, December 16th, for St. Louis, Mo. He was a

hustler for the local Frats and the Nebraska Association of the Deaf. He has worked for the Interstate Printing Co. for several years, but he was laid-off several times. He decided to try new fields where he believes with a new environment he can make the grade and earn more than at home. We are sorry to see him go and are sure he will make many friends in his new home.

Omaha Division held its regular meeting, Thursday evening, December 10th, at the Rome Hotel. Most of the resident members were present, but no non-resident members. The following were elected officers for the year 1937: President Edmund J. Berney; Vice-President, Robert W. Mullin; Secretary, C. Millard Bilger; Treasurer, Hans Neujahr; Director, John H. Rabb; Sergeant-at-Arms, Bennie S. Delehoj; Trustee, Nick Petersen. Joseph J. Purpura is now senior trustee in place of Oscar M. Treuke, retired. The other trustee is Edmund J. Berney. Messrs. Neujahr and Delehoj were the only ones who ran for re-election.

HAL and MEL.

## MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf Faribault, Minnesota.

Faribault's deafdom turned out en masse at the Frat's Christmas Frolic held at Eagles Hall on Wednesday evening, December 23. It was the largest gathering of the kind ever held in this school town, and the program offered was without question the best.

Of course the star performer of the evening was Santa Claus. He had promised to be there with presents for all, and this was no doubt one reason for the large turnout. He was due to appear at 9 o'clock, with presents for one hundred guests. At eight the efficient committee counted considerably more than one hundred noses in the optice, so in order not to disappoint any one a radiogram was sent to Santa telling him to bring at least 125 packages. The answer from the genial fellow came over the air a minute later. He stated that he would comply with the request, but it would take his staff of wrappers approximately twenty-five minutes to get the additional packages ready, so he should be expected that much later.

The program was opened with the rendition of the song "Silent Night, Holy Night" signed and sung simultaneously by Junior-High student June Spence. Then V. R. Spence related the story "Why the Chimes Rang." This was followed by Charles Dickens' play, "A Christmas Carol," which unfolded new theatrical talent in the community. The star performer was John Klein, who played the part of Old Scrooge. The entire cast was as follows:

Scrooge's Nephew	John Boatwright
Scrooge	John Klein
Bob Cratchit	Toivo Lindholm
Mrs. Cratchit	Mabel Boatwright
Belinda	Lucille Lindholm
Martha	June Spence
Nancy	Nancy Lauritsen
Peter	Richard Sweet
Tiny Tim	Jimmie Sweet
John	John King
Ghost of the Christmas Present	Evelyn King

After the play, a story, "The Wise Man," was related by John Boatwright.

Santa Claus made his appearance just as La Reinie Lauritsen completed her dramatic rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," signing and speaking at the same time.

The St. Paul Sunday *Pioneer Press* of December 20 had a full-page feature article about the deaf and hard of hearing. At the top of page were four pictures of Miss Ruth Turnquist, a lip-reader, speaking "Merry Christmas," the position of

her lips indicating the words. At the bottom of page were four pictures of Miss Bernice Kroening, Minnesota School graduate, class of 1928, signing and speaking "Happy New Year." The article told how a Santa Claus who could use the sign language came out of the fireplace at the Thompson Hall, Marshall and Fairview Avenues, St. Paul, the night before and distributed gifts to some three hundred persons.

Miss Alice W. Ford, a W P A lip-reading teacher in St. Paul, states that lip-reading is "educated guess work" and depends upon the imagination and logic for its success.

While the article referred to was on the whole good, it was colored to some extent and the deaf placed in the hard of hearing group, which they resent. One statement, for example, says "Most deaf persons, however, do not have to rely entirely on lip movement, since they can hear to some degree." The deaf are deaf, and they do not hear; the hard of hearing have a degree of hearing, and we folk who are deaf should make this definite and clear to all. The hard of hearing folks in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and no doubt in other cities are well organized and get a liberal slice of the Community Fund each year. The bona-fide do not ask for alms, but a chance to work.

The many Minnesota friends of Jack Montgomery, formerly of Buhl, will be interested to know that he has a splendid position as linotype operator on the *Washington Post*. There are four other deaf operators on the staff. Jack's interest in athletics has not abated. He plays on the D. C. Silent Basketball team, there being four other former Gallaudet stars on the quint. Ten other good players are on the squad and expect to play the Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and New York Silents early in 1937.

There was a real cause for rejoicing at the Elstad home on the Minnesota School for the Deaf campus this Christmas, as two days before the anniversary of the birth of Christ, Mrs. Elstad returned to their apartment with the baby-girl that had arrived a short time previously. While his better half was in the hospital, Mr. Elstad found out how it felt to be a grass widower and he declared that he had never imagined how many little things his wife did during the course of a day.

Christmas cards it is generally agreed, express a beautiful sentiment. The members of the Minnesota School staff have for years been exchanging cards. Now that there are about sixty members of the staff it has become quite an expense to send cards to all. By general agreement no cards were sent this year, the teachers and officers instead depositing a sum of money in a "Christmas Box." The money was used to buy gifts for poor children in the school.

WESLEY LAURITSEN.

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## Forty-fifth Anniversary Banquet

Given by the

Brooklyn Guild for the Deaf

At

The PLAZA

350 Flatbush Ave. Extension  
Opposite Paramount Theatre

Sat. Eve., January 23, 1937

7 o'clock P.M.

\$1.50 per Plate

(Informal)

Take I. R. T. to Nevins Street or B. M. T. to DeKalb Ave.



## New York State

Send items for this column to William M. Lange, Jr., 57 Dove Street, Albany, N. Y.

The Grim Reaper knows no barrier. He comes and goes as he will. Not even the approach of Christmas time can halt him. And when he comes, one of our loved ones go. Belle Fisher Shattuck was the last of our deaf persons to leave us. She passed away in her home in Cohocton, Thursday evening, December 10th. On Sunday afternoon, the 13th, she was laid to rest, her hearing pastor conducting the funeral. A graduate of the Fanwood School, she left one daughter, also deaf, who was a student at the Rochester School.

Albany Division, NFSD, had its annual election on December 5th. After the reelection of President John Lyman, by acclamation, for the 'teenth time, all other officers were reelected for another year. Seems that the Albany Fraters, like the people of the United States, don't like to cast aside the men who pulled them through the depression, even if the depression was more responsible for the pulling through than the officers themselves. No social was held after the election, as every one about here is getting ready for the big blowout on New Year's Eve. The next social will be held in February, giving everyone a full month to rest up after the New Year's celebration.

Buffalo and Binghamton people seem to be planning a more quiet issuing in of the New Year, or else they are made of sterner stuff, for both of them had very well attended socials, given by their local Frat Divisions, the first and second Saturdays of December.

Miss Elizabeth Hodder, of Gloversville, has been in poor health for some time. Here's wishing her a complete recovery and "new deal" with the coming of the New Year.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Messenger, of Buffalo, was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Merrill on December 6th. She was given the name of Lydia Palmgren.

Mrs. William O'Neill, of Chicago, who has been visiting with her brother in Jamestown for some time, has returned home. The Jamestown deaf were sorry to see her go, but we presume that those in Chicago will welcome back their own.

The second deaf person in a month, in Schenectady, who has bought a new car is Joseph Cermak. He traded in his '36 Chevy for a new '37 Plymouth. Things seem to be going very well for the deaf up there.

St. Paul's Guild of the Deaf gave a Christmas party for children of deaf parents in the Parish House the evening of December 19th. There were 18 children present, and almost thirty adults, the later having almost a better time than the children themselves, if that can be possible. John Lyman, who has been jovial old St. Nick for the last several years, took the same role again. He was even a better Santa than the old Saint himself, and the children are certainly fond of him. That evening, exactly as the night of last year's party, we had a slight snow fall, which froze, and made the homeward journey very hazardous for all. But although many had some narrow escapes, nothing happened. The next day the Rev. Mr. Herbert C. Merrill held a service in Albany and in Schenectady. Both were well attended, and his sermon on the true significance of Christmas was very interesting.

Mrs. Sonnenstrahl, who has been living in Albany for the last year, has returned to New York City with her son, Alfred, to live. Her husband, Edward, is still holding his job with a printing company here, and visiting his family on week-ends. Albany deaf, who had learned to like Mrs. Sonny and her husky young son, were very sorry to have her leave.

Christmas has come and gone. So many things happened, so many things were received and given, and so many people were happier than before, that it is useless to try and write about it at all. One could almost write a book about the events of each family through the holidays. One thing, however, that seems a little more newsy than others is the Christmas party given by the Sewing Club of Albany for their husbands, on Saturday, December 26th. The six members of the Club, the Mesdames Lyman, Donnelly, Calkins, Lange and Lydecker, and Miss Edna Fraser, entertained their spouses and Mr. Milton Robertson. Games were played, prizes and presents were won and given, and much fun was had by all. The main event of the evening was the supper, which had such a varied and delicious menu, prepared by Miss Fraser, that ye writer, being only a mere male, is quite incapable of listing the different edibles. Enough to say, however, that the family dog said the feast was much too good. Asked why, the pup said that the guests cleaned up every last scrap, and he didn't get a thing. All of which seems to show that Edna is a pretty good feast server. And we husbands say "Yeah!"

Happy New Year to all!

## BOSTON

The N.F.S.D., Div. No. 35, annual New Year's ball, under the able guidance of President Battersby, will be held on the first Saturday of the New Year (January 2d), at the Hotel Bradford, Tremont and Stuart Street, Boston, which is in the heart of the theatre district. In addition to the dancing, there will be professional entertainers.

At the recent election of the Boston Silent Club, the following were elected: President, Antonio Ruggiero; Vice-President, Michael Convey; Secretary, Peter Amico; Treasurer, Sam Gouner; Sergeant-at-Arms, Existe La Blanc. They are having a New Year's Dance, December 31st, at Gainsboro Hall, 295 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

One of the few social affairs during the past two years, was held by the Clarke School Alumni Association on December 12th. Their object was to raise funds for their reunion which will be held probably next June, at the Clarke School, Northampton. Well over a hundred and fifty were entertained. Dancing, entertainment, whist, bridge and refreshments made the affair a success.

At the Boston Oral Club meeting in November, when bridge and whist games were concluded, President Nora Eagan presented a purse of cash from the members to Mrs. George Hull as a gift, for not only her untiring work as treasurer of the Association during the past eight years (till 1935), but for other services willingly rendered. Viola Hull was so taken aback that she finally thanked them for their thoughtfulness and stated that she would purchase a filing cabinet for she has several books in her stamp collection.

Mrs. Sam Slotnick and ye scribe were the hostesses at a shower given on Saturday evening, December 5th. The guest of honor was Miss Nemo Weiss, and was she surprised! She was met by the writer at a nearby place, supposedly to appear for a game of bridge at Mrs. Slotnick's, in Roxbury, while the "Frat" boys were having their monthly meeting. A bunch of friends who had gathered in the living room, suddenly swooped on Nemo, who was caught unawares. She received a lovely set of Community Plate silver, and a small cash purse. Eight tables at bridge and whist provided some diversion. There was a prize, a handkerchief, at each table. Mesdames Castaline, Weinberg, Gale, Snyder, Pavitt, Reade, Marcus, and Miss Grossman were the winners. Fish salad, potato chips,

with all the fixings, cakes, coffee and candies were served.

The following evening, the 6th, the writer, with the assistance of Mrs. Frieda Miller, entertained over a score friends, at the latter's home in Dorchester. The occasion was another impromptu surprise party for Miss Weiss, in the form of a "kitchen shower." She was again presented with a small purse, and various useful kitchen gifts.

Miss Weiss left the Hub on the 20th, for Newark, N. J., where she will be married to Mr. Max Garfinkle on January 3d.

A birthday party was given in honor of Max Weiner of Malden, at his brother Ben's home, in Dorchester, on Sunday, December 13th. It was reported that he received several lovely gifts, and a cash purse. Max is well known as an excellent baker in Roxbury.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kornblum were the dinner guests of Miss Helen Downey at her home in Forest Hills, on Sunday, December 13th. Other guests for the evening were Mrs. M. Miller, Miss Mary McCarthy, Mr. Bob McCarthy (not related), Mr. John O'Neil and ye scribe.

Mrs. Ella Abbott, resident of the New England Home of Aged Deaf and Infirm, for over ten years, passed away in her 79th year, after being stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage, on November 3d. Mrs. Abbott was educated at the old American School at West Hartford, and had been a resident of Lowell, before her admittance to the Home at Danvers, with her husband, who survives her, in 1925. Interment was at Walnut Grove Cemetery, in Danvers. Mrs. Abbott had been one of the earliest members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting and whist party, in charge of Mrs. Kate Gill, was held in the St. Andrew's Mission Hall, 149 Warren Avenue, Boston, on Monday, December 7th. The next meeting will be held at the above place on January 11th. Rev. Mr. Light has kindly given them the use of the room for the winter season.

"Christmas Bells" a pantomime, was presented on Sunday afternoon, December 20th, at the Randolph School for the Deaf, by members of the Federation of the College Catholic Clubs, as part of the year's charity program. A special musical program was arranged by the club for the pupils at the Randolph Home who can understand musical tones and lip reading. A group of students from Emerson and the B. U. College of Music sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Kornblum, Miss Downey, Miss McCarthy and some Bostonians were present.

Last Sunday evening, the 20th, the H. A. D. had a good-sized crowd at their movie show. The couple coming from the longest distance were honeymooners, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Urbanovitch of Chicago, Ill. They left for Chicago, the 21st.

Fred Belliveau and the Mrs. have moved to Framingham, with their prize dog, where they plan to start a dog training farm. The Belliveaus' dog Tommie won another prize early last week.

The New Bedford Association of the Deaf will have their second annual New Year's dance at Matto Hall, on Waldo Street, corner Brooklawn Street, New Bedford, from 8 P.M. to 6 A.M. Dancing, games and prizes will be the features of the evening.

E. WILSON.

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January 30, 1937

BROOKLYN DIVISION, NO. 23

N. F. S. D.

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA

February 13, 1937

## Washington State

Carl Spencer has a steady job at a Seattle barber shop. He is looking for a cozy apartment and intends to bring his wife over in February.

The "400" bridge party met with Mrs. Root in Seattle on the 19th. The next will be in February with Mrs. Bodley.

Mrs. Bodley is happy. Who would not be with a fine new electric stove for a Christmas present? The Bodleys have also put in a furnace lately. May prosperity continue to turn their way the coming year.

Eddie Garrison celebrated his 21st birthday on the 20th. Sure those children are growing up while we young fellows of yore are becoming hasbeens.

Rex Oliver of Everett, has a \$100 movie projector, also several reels of films. He can give his children entertainment at home. Even the grown-ups find it entertaining.

Cards received read: Married, Jack Bertram and Nancy Dunn, November 27, 1936. They are at home at 9265 Reviere St., Detroit.

Miss Genevieve Sink has a brand new Chevrolet sedan, and she was promised the wife and I a ride. Miss Sink has driven a car for years and has travelled up and down the coast extensively.

Sophia Mullins and Doris Nation are among those on a strike at the Bemis Manufacturing Co. factory, Seattle.

When Mrs. Myers of Wisconsin, was in Seattle, she was the guest of Mrs. Edna Bertram part of the time. Mrs. Bertram gave a reception in her honor one evening. While in Seattle she met Frank Morris, an old schoolmate.

Arthur Martin underwent three operations at a Seattle hospital. As he is a government employee he was taken to the U. S. Marine Hospital. At last reports he was doing well.

One of our first Christmas cards came from Jim and Frieda Meagher. Jim is the same fellow who kicked me off the street car after I had worked hard as best man helping him get married. He has tried all these years to placate me. I have almost decided to forgive him, he is working so hard for humanity.

A letter received from Mrs. Agatha Hanson tells of a trip she took to Medina, N. Y., to visit an old Galaudet schoolmate, Miss Rosa Halpin. While there she made several side trips by auto. One was to Albion, the old home of the writer, where she met Mr. and Mrs. William Cleveland. Another trip to Rochester where she called on Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, who were in Seattle a few years ago, also a visit to the Rochester school for the deaf where she met Prof. Clayton McLaughlin, a former Seattle visitor. Another trip took her to Niagara Falls where she saw the wonders of the falls, the whirlpool and the gorge. She is at present in Pittsburgh, where she will spend the winter. In the spring she goes to California.

W. S. Root.

Dec. 24, 1936.

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IN THE closing hours of the old year a thoughtful person is inclined to attempt to measure the extent of the joy or sorrow, the gain or loss in the period now growing to a close. Upon whichever side the balance may be, we are hopefully inclined to look forward to a brighter future. In this anticipation we join with our readers in wishing them a Happy New Year.

IN THE heavy traffic of large cities the deaf are at a decided disadvantage, no matter how careful they may be. This is particularly true at Avenue and Street crossings. Several aids in meeting their difficulties have been suggested to assist them. One of these is carried out by an English lady of Doddington, England, who is entirely deaf. When she goes out she wears on the back of her dress a large sign with the single word "deaf" in large letters. This has received the approval of local officials interested in trying out various new devices for reducing the alarming number of traffic accidents.

Automobile traffic is so dense nowadays that even a person with keen eyesight and good hearing holds his life in his hands when he starts to pass over a heavily traveled street crossing. It is difficult to judge the speed of an approaching car, and it is equally impossible to watch in every direction at the same time. As a result situations are likely to arise in which the most cautious person is liable to risks. This is especially true of people who are deaf, wholly or partially.

Nevertheless, it is rather doubtful whether people who are deaf would be willing to go to the extreme of attracting attention by having signs on their backs advertising their deficiency of hearing. It is a question if this would be of any great help to them. All accidents do not result from being struck in the rear; traffic dangers usually come from all directions. Indeed, to be of any great help

it would be necessary to wear signs all over one's clothing. The deaf whom we know and with whom we associate have great confidence in signs, as a language, but we fancy would draw the line on calling attention to their defect, as though they were pickets advertising that they were on a strike.

THERE may be some churlish cynics, Scrooges, inclined to sneer at the retention of old customs—traditions that have come down to us through the ages—which revive pleasant memories of other times and places. Still, recalling the sources of historical occurrences whets the curiosity of all who would keep informed of the meaning attached to the origin and the significance of special days and their celebration.

This is particularly true with respect to the observance of New Year's Day and its customs. It is a festival that may be traced back to the remote past. There was a holiday called the Feast of Trumpets on the first of Tisri (October), which was the New Year's Day of the month which commenced the year of jubilee among the Hebrews. It was also a common custom of the Romans to celebrate the commencement of the year, and it may be concluded that such ceremonies as marked the day had previously been introduced among the Latins. We read of processions, the giving and receiving of gifts, and the feasts which were a part of the celebration. These festivities of the pagan world at this season no doubt exercised an influence on the Christian church in the commemoration of Christmas-tide.

It is impossible to trace the first observances of the New Year's celebrations in Great Britain, as they go back until the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. With these celebrations came the observance of the night before, the speeding of the departing and the welcoming of the coming guest. Among some sections of Great Britain it was customary to pour out libations that were for the benefit of the revelers just before midnight. The celebrants then formed themselves into companies and the small hours would witness many a visit and many a song and story.

Probably nowhere else was New Year's more thoroughly enjoyed than in North Britain, the Scotch celebrating it in no half-way style, but as they did and do everything else, with a complete wholeheartedness never to be misunderstood. In Scotland the last day of the year is called Hogmanay. Later the custom grew among pious people to hold religious or "watch" services at midnight in the churches, a practice which is common in America, where also the ringing of bells welcomes the New Year. Some churches in New York and other large cities are noted for the midnight entertainments given by church chimes on New Year's eve to immense audiences in the public streets—the most decorous silence being observed while the chimes ring. Old Trinity, at Broadway and Wall Street, is notable for its annual excellent program.

FROM the current issue of the *Buff and Blue* we learn of the appointment of Mr. Robert M. Greenmun, Gallaudet, Class of '36, to the editorship of *The Coolidge*

*News*, Coolidge, Arizona. As the college publication says, Mr. Greenmun is the only 100 per cent. deaf editor in the United States of a publication not for the deaf. A pleasing introduction to his new part is seen in the following clipping from the *Coolidge News*, introducing the new editor to its readers:

"The are some newspaper men who are hard of hearing, but none in the class with Greenmun; he is absolutely deaf and makes no pretense at hearing, with horn or otherwise.

"The publishers believe that with the cooperation of the people of Coolidge, Mr. Greenmun will attain the same success as a newspaper editor that he has achieved in everything he has undertaken to date.

"Certain it is that the achievements of this young man are an inspiration to all those throughout the country who are similarly handicapped, his progress in the newspaper world will be watched with intense interest."

May good luck attend his work.

ABOUT this season Calendars for the New Year make their appearance, assisting to lessen confusion in the effort to fixate busy people from using 6 where 7 is in order; it is a real game of sixes versus sevens. These illustrated calendars, sometimes with poetic expressions for each day, have been choice selections for Christmas gifts. They are pleasing and useful helps in reminding people of the calls and engagements of daily life.

## SEATTLE

On Gallaudet Day, P. L. Axling gave a brief speech about our benefactor at the P. S. A. D., December 12th, and the meeting was adjourned immediately after the names of several applicants were presented for membership, to be voted next month. The social started with jokes and short story telling by a good number of the gathering, which totalled about 70, and the rest of the evening we played some interesting and amusing games. Mrs. N. C. Garrison, LeRoy Bradbury, Miss Buchanan, Carl Spencer and others captured prizes. Mr. and Mrs. James Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Sheatsley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Tacoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Barber of Nebraska, were present. Refreshments of fruit salad, four kinds of sandwiches, home-made cakes and coffee were served. Committee in charge were P. L. Axling, True Partridge and Mrs. A. W. Wright, ably assisted by Mrs. True Partridge, Mrs. W. E. Brown and Ray Tabb. The unusually stormy evening kept only a few from the party, but the best thing is that a nice profit was realized. During the depression the P. S. A. D. had few socials to raise money, though it is the oldest organization the local deaf have.

Mrs. Robert Travis was the charming young hostess who supervised the monthly luncheon by the ladies, held at the four-room apartment of Mrs. A. H. Koberstein, December 10th. The excellent menu was much enjoyed by all and after four tables of bridge. Mrs. J. T. Bodley was presented with a lovely boudoir pillow, Mrs. E. Bertram, a fine laundry bag, and Mrs. Fred Wise, a gift, made by Mrs. Travis. Then everyone received a small Christmas gift from each.

The monthly Bridge Club at Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeve's country home with 15 in attendance last night, afforded much pleasure. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree stood in the corner, with holly everywhere, while the guests played five rounds of bridge. The dining table was decorated with lovely favors of the season, and after we were seated muscatel wine, hot buns with creamed

chicken and other appetizing things were served. It was simply delicious. Mrs. A. W. Wright was fortunate to win the first prize of a young Red Rhode Island chicken, John Gerson a dozen eggs, and Mrs. John Adams a chinese dish. The last guests reached home at 2:30 in the morning.

A Christmas present in the form of a new Speed Queen washing machine from Mrs. Reeve's mother, was much admired by us all.

William LaMotte was looking the picture of health as evidently country life benefits him and his sight. The writer made an error in an item about his eyes when there was never a clot in them. A badly abscessed tooth caused his trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Renton, gave a dinner party one Sunday recently, after which bridge was played till late. Mrs. Editha Ziegler, Claire Reeves and Mrs. Crouch, daughter of Mrs. Victoria Smith, took prizes. The 12 invited friends reported a splendid time.

Numerous friends received announcements of the marriage of Mrs. Nancy Dunn and Jack Bertram. We all extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Bertram are at home at 303 Edwill Manor Apartments, 9265 Riviera Street, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Oliver are the owners of a 1937 Ford V-8. They invited Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison to their home for dinner and for a fine ride in their car around Everett and the surrounding country last Sunday.

Miss Genevieve Sink traded her old Chevrolet for a new Chevrolet sport sedan recently, and has been driving out to see her friends more frequently.

Mrs. Editha Ziegler and all the employees of the Northwestern Envelope Manufacturing Co., were the guests of the company at a dinner at the Renton Golf Club house, which was one of the best times Mrs. Ziegler experienced for some time.

Mrs. John Gerson left today for Astoria, Ore., for a two-weeks' holiday visit with her sister.

Arthur Martin is at the Marine Hospital, having underwent an operation for appendicitis and a rupture. He will come home after a couple of weeks.

Last Sunday, all afternoon and evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown had a visitor, Miss Mae Strandberg of Portland. She visited her sister, living near the Browns and returned home to get ready for her transfer to Los Angeles.

Miss Mabel Partridge entertained ten young couples at her birthday party, December 10th, with dancing as the main pleasure of the evening. Mabel received several handsome gifts. Her mother, Mrs. T. Partridge, came back from a bridge party at 12 o'clock in time to assist serving a dainty luncheon. PUGET SOUND, Dec. 20.

## National Association of the Deaf

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE

While the National Association of the Deaf is committed to the task of helping all the deaf, whether members or not, it also believes that every deaf person has a moral obligation to join and to support the work of our Association. It believes that it is not only an obligation but a high privilege to look after and protect our status as a class.

The year 1937 will usher in new problems, new duties, new trials, and new and unexpected opportunities for service. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting most of you at our Chicago Convention, July 26-31, 1937, when we shall have an opportunity for mutual counsel and consideration of our common problems.

In the meantime, this administration extends to all our members and friends—the Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

MARCUS L. KENNER,  
*President.*



## CHICAGOLAND

Well, this issue comes on the last day of the year. Let us now turn over the leaf and see what the social calendar has in store for us the first few months. It will be recalled that this column two issues back carried the program for the month of January. It will not be repeated here except with one correction: Illinois Silents and Chicago Demons have swapped dates between themselves, with the result that the first one has reserved January 23d for its affair and the latter Saturday, February 6th. The other dates follow:

### FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 6.—Chicago Demons.  
Saturday, February 13.—Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf, St. Valentine Party for the benefit of Chicago 1937 NAD Convention Fund, Hotel Sherman, Crystal Room, Cards, Bunco and Games.  
Saturday, February 20.—Chicago Division, No. One, Masquerade Ball.  
Saturday, February 27.—Chicago Silents.

### MARCH

Saturday, March 6.—Chicago Demons.  
Saturday, March 13.—Central Oral Club, St. Patrick's Day Party for the benefit of Chicago 1937 NAD Convention Fund, Hotel Sherman, Crystal Room, Cards, Bunco and Games suitable to that day.  
Saturday, March 20.—An outing to Jacksonville, Illinois, where there will be a Basketball Tourney at the Illinois School for the Deaf.  
Saturday, March 27.—A probable cage match between Illinois Silents and Chicago Demons, details remaining to be settled between them.

### APRIL

Saturday, April 3.—Home Stretch Night, under the auspices of Chicago Divisions, Nos. 1 and 106 and Chicago NAD Convention Local Committee, a combination affair of sorts, a major event for the Fund of the Monster Smoker for Friday night of the convention week of the NAD, July 30th, to be more explicit.  
Saturday, April 10.—Canvass-Kissers A. C. in cage meet with the team from Washington, D. C., according to the statement from the Canvass-Kissers, to be held at the Lincoln Turner Hall.  
Saturday, April 17.—Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf is tentatively considering this date for some party to get up some shekels to purchase uniforms for its basketball team in process of formation.

Miss Catherine Kilcoyne has notified ye correspondent that some Saturday in the month of May will be reserved for cards and bazaar for the benefit of the Illinois Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, and any one planning to hold some party during that month should consult with her so as to avoid conflicting dates.

Chicago Division, No. 106, went in for a lively run for the new officers for 1937, the winners being Frederick W. Hinrichs, president, 4th time, but not consecutively (acclamation); the name of the new vice-president overlooked, but think it must be Charles Brislen; Frank Bush, secretary; Albert Rensman, treasurer (acclamation); Gordon Rice, trustee for three years; Hiram Harvig and Charles Russey, Jr., sergeants-at-arms.

This division has mapped out social programs after their regular meeting, which come on the second Friday night of every month at the Atlantic Hotel, 316 South Clark Street.

This division made a substantial collection and bought a wreath of flowers, which they placed on the grave of Francis P. Gibson on Saturday afternoon, December 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abarbanell quietly arrived in Chicago from their long and joyous honeymoon in the west, and are temporarily living with a sister in the south side.

P. LIVSHIS.

3811 W. Harrison St.

Mr. Max Garfinkle, who will be married shortly and bring his bride from Boston to Newark, N. J., is starting in right by subscribing to the JOURNAL. Presumably our Philadelphia correspondent's recipes are popular.

### Big Thunder, the Bullfrog

Notwithstanding its title, this is not a romance, but only a plain story of a brief but singular episode of a day's fishing on my beloved clay-banked, muddy-shored, marsh-bordered Little Otter.

It was midsummer, and my boy and I had a hot and thirsty cruise up and down the sluggish channel, past the two Slangs and through the "broad mash," taking here and there a pickerel, with our trolling bait.

During our last trip up-stream, all the way from the mouth of the creek to the Big Elm, we caught but one which made seven in all, and we came to the conclusion that we had enough, greatly helped to it by the poor prospect of getting more.

We were so hot and weary that we wanted no unnecessary burden to carry over the mile's walk that lay before us after reaching our own landing, so we pulled in at the Big Elm to dress our fish.

This was the only suitable place for the purpose, being the only accessible sandy shore on the lower stream and affording the only landing where one can step from or into a boat without bemiring the foot-gear. Here was shade to sit in and a clean-bottomed pool near at hand in which to wash the fish. In immemorial days it was the thronged port where warriors, hunters and fishers embarked on their various errands and here landed with their captives and spoils of the woods and waters. The shore was thickly strewn with the ancient arrow-maker's flint chips, and we sat down to scale our fish, where, doubtless, many a Waubesa squaw had performed the like task with poorer tools—also, on better fish, in the days when fish were plenty and fisherman few.

When the scales were off I took the fish down to the pool to give them the repeated washing and scraping that are so necessary to the well-being of a dressed pickerel. I noticed a large bullfrog squatting among the rushes on the opposite side of the pool, regarding me with a bland countenance. Thinking he was maintaining his position within six feet of me with great calmness and dignity, I paid no more attention to him till, as I was washing a fish vigorously in the water and making a commotion that would have frightened an ordinary frog from his propriety, my vis-a-vis suddenly dashed across the intervening space and seized the fish by the tail, which part was nearest to him.

He tugged at it stoutly and held fast while I dragged him this way and that, nor would he let go until he was lifted three feet above the water. Then he relaxed his grip and tumbled back into the pool, where he repeated his attack several times on the fish's tail as I splashed it before him.

At last he abandoned it and retired to his seat in the rushes, from which he regarded my labors with grave curiosity while I finished dressing my fish. When this was done, I tossed the end of a long string of entrails over to him, which he seized and began to swallow greedily, assisting the dexterously and rapidly with his hands till there was room for no more, though he still strove to cram another inch inside his capacious jaws.

He was a grotesque caricature of a glutton at a feast, gorged, yet unsatisfied and devouring with his eyes the bountiful remainder that he could not compass. He was such a ludicrous object that we raised an uproar of laughter which must have amazed, though it did not in the least alarm him.

When we left him he was still struggling with his embarrassment of riches, but with a calm self-possession which must eventually have made him master of the situation. We did not hear his voice, but from his size we doubted not that it would not dis-

honor the name we gave him, Big Thunder, in memory of the almost forgotten chieftain of the Anti-Renters.

I have often made acquaintance of bullfrogs, making advances with extreme caution, and ingratiating myself in their favor by tickling their sides with a rush or twig till their flabby sides would swell with a fullness of enjoyment, and their wide faces take on an imbecility of bliss too expressionless to be called a smile; but this fellow is the only one who ever took the initiative and forced his acquaintance upon me

R. E. R.

### Special Trains and Fares to the N. A. D. Chicago Convention, July 26 - 31, 1937

The writer is reliably informed that the former practice of offering a rebate on return tickets to all convention visitors is no longer in effect.

Instead, aside from the new rate of 2 cents per mile now in effect, the railroads offer a special fare to groups of from 15 up going to a convention in a body (though they can return singly within 10 to 15 days). This special fare means a saving of from one-half to two-thirds on return trip.

Because the Association is desirous of having as many members as can attend the 18th Triennial Convention of the N. A. D. at Chicago, July 26-31, 1937, we are striving to get as low fares as possible in order that our members will find it within their means to attend. It might be added that hotel rates and convention charges will be at a minimum and a fine business program, as well as a good time, will be offered to our members.

The N. A. D. is fostering several convention specials from different parts of the country. In New York City the Misses Elizabeth E. McLeod and Mary F. Austra and Messrs. J. M. Ebin, Samuel Frankenheim and Charles Wiemuth are in charge of a special that is expected to number well over 250. By way of novelty the trip will be via train and boat; to Buffalo by train and boat to Cleveland and thence train to Chicago. Round-trip fare from New York City will be \$24.50, a saving of almost two-thirds on return trip, or \$12.10.

Mr. Troy E. Hill will head a special from Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Martha B. Smith will head one from Little Rock, Arkansas; three specials are expected to start from the Pacific Coast; another from Denver and still another from St. Louis. We also hope to arrange for a special from Detroit and other points.

Because the savings are worthwhile and much cheaper than going by twos and threes from Eastern and New England States, it is hoped that our members from these States will journey to New York and connect with the special.

Subjoined is a list of round-trip rates from various points. Anyone desiring to head a special should get in touch with his local railroad or with the writer, who will be glad to assist in any way possible.

New York City	\$24 50
Scranton, Pa.	21 40
Philadelphia	24 60
Cleveland	8 80
St. Louis	8 70
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	4 50
Hartford, Conn.	28 30
Binghamton, N. Y.	19 60
Buffalo, N. Y.	13 45
Washington	23 20
Detroit	8 55
Erie, Pa.	11 35
Boston, Mass.	29 80

#### Other rates on sliding scale:

Dallas, Tex.	15 to 29 persons \$28 63
	30 to 74 persons \$23 86
Little Rock	15 to 29 persons \$19 16
	30 to 74 persons \$15 97
Denver	15 to 29 persons \$31 50
	30 to 74 persons \$26 25

All Pacific Coast Cities will have Summer Tourist Rate of \$57.35 per person. This rate applies to every city, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc.

A. L. SEDLOW.

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### Kansas City, Mo.

Attendance at the WPA night school for the adult deaf from October 1st to December 24th, now stands at 389. The school is now closed for the holidays and will not open again until January 4th. The school was started in 1934, and nearly 2,000 (total attendance in three years) have attended the school. William J. Marra, the teacher, said the job was the hardest one he ever had. He said that the job required diplomacy and that the teacher should humor the pupils all the time to keep them attending the school. The pupils are not required to attend the school. They can come and go as they please.

November 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stanfill were given a surprise party to celebrate the sixth anniversary of their wedding. Quite a large number attended the party. The Stanfills were presented with a tidy sum of money. At the party the engagement of Miss Irene Shaw to Mr. Clarence Morgan was announced. Miss Shaw proudly displayed the engagement ring on her finger.

Eugene Wait is at last steadily employed as a shoe repairer in one of the largest shoe repair shops in Kansas City, Kansas. Among the deaf he is the most efficient shoe repairer the writer ever knew. He keeps on improving himself all the time. He has a wide knowledge of electricity. When trouble occurs on any shoe repairing machines, Eugene knows where to locate the trouble and fix it without difficulty. He is, indeed, a very valuable man to have around in the shop. His boss often left him in charge of the shop when he absented himself from the city, trusting Eugene's fine workmanship and his knowledge of electricity. He is trying to obtain a position as instructor of shoe repairing in one of the state schools for the deaf this year. Any school for the deaf that puts in a bid for his services will be fortunate to have him.

November 29th, the deaf of Leavenworth invited William Marra to give a talk before them in Leavenworth, Kansas, about thirty-two miles northwest of Kansas City. The subject of his talk was Wilkie Collins' "A Traveler's Story of a Terribly Strange Bed." Messrs. Haner and Wefing accompanied Mr. Marra in the Stanfills' car to Leavenworth. After the talk, refreshments were served to the twenty-three persons present at the affair.

LeRoy Ridings was in Kansas City recently. He had been working for nearly two months as a chemist in a factory in North Kansas City. He left here December 13th for Baton Rouge, La., where he will resume his duties as a teacher in the Louisiana State School for the Deaf. Mr. Ridings, at the doctor's order, had been in the North for his health. While he was here he was popular with the deaf of Kansas City.

December 2nd, the name of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, under the heading of "A Tribute to a Teacher," appeared in the *Kansas City Star*. The article was written by William Marra. The *Star* has a circulation of nearly 350,000. It is safe to say that many of the 350,000 have learned or read the name of Gallaudet for the first time.

Dec. 25th.

P. C.

### St. John's Chapel, Detroit, Mich.

Morning service at St. John's Chapel, on Vernon Highway and Woodward, by Rev. Horace B. Waters, at 11 o'clock.

Communion service every first Sunday in the morning.

Bible Class at St. John's Parish House, 33 East Montcalm Street, Room 2, at 3:45 p.m. All welcome.



## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

### HAMILTON

The Social Club's Christmas party, which was held in the Pythian Hall on Saturday evening, December 12th, was an enjoyable affair. This year, the club followed the example of the sewing club and exchanged small Christmas gifts. A few games were played and refreshments served.

There was a large attendance at Mr. Shilton's service in Centenary Church on the 13th of December. Mr. Shilton gave a most impressive and thoughtful address, taking as his subject "Christ, the World's hope," and reading from Ephesians 4, 1-7. Mr. Shilton deplored the lack of Christian faith in modern life and homes and referred to some recent books which should have an influence for good by pointing to Christ and his teachings as the real hope of the world.

Visitors at the service included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lloyd, of Brantford, Mrs. Gilliam of Fruitland, and Mr. Randall of Paris. Mr. Shilton was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gleadow and Mr. and Mrs. Breen.

Miss Peggy Gleadow has been working in Zeller's stores since the beginning of the holidays and quite enjoys the work there. All the employees there are treated with kindness and consideration.

Arthur McShane, who had an X-ray examination and spent a few days in the hospital for a food test, is home again. The X-ray had negative results and the doctors at the hospital could not find anything wrong with him.

Mrs. Chester is home again, but will have to spend some time in bed yet, though she is reported to be doing fine.

The following verses of mine will probably be given over the air by "Old Man Sunshine" from Station C K O K, Hamilton, on New Year's Day.

### THE BOOK OF LIFE

Some thoughts for the New Year

To all who enter life a book is given  
Wherein to write the story of the years  
And one by one the pages open before us—  
For each New Year a clean, fresh page appears.

Each one, as filled, is sealed with God's own signet,  
His hand alone may turn the pages o'er;  
At His appointed time each book is ended,  
It's written pages closed forevermore.

We start each page with hope and high endeavour,  
And firm resolve to keep it pure and clean,  
But oft' our spirits flag ere it is finished  
And sadd'ned hearts grieve o'er "What might have been."

In vain we plead to write some pages over—  
No word may we recall, nor blot erase!  
With humbled, contrite hearts we trace the record—  
The old, sad tale of "locust-eaten" days.

Yet let us not give up—press on, undaunted:  
Sincere regret for errors of the past  
Should spur us on to brave renewed endeavour  
To make fresh pages fairer than the last.

And when, at length, the "book of life" is ended,  
In simple trust resign it to His hand,  
Who knew our every trial and temptation—  
He loveth us and He will understand.

### KITCHENER

Allen Nahrgang went down to Toronto on the 5th of December to see his son, Wallace, who left school to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott. Mr. Elliott had to undergo an operation recently and Wallace is helping him with work in the church.

Miss C. Youngs and her sister and Mr. Cresson, of Galt, were seen in the town recently, busy doing their Christmas shopping.

Our sympathy goes to Miss E. Wagler, whose father passed away on the 3rd of December, following a long illness. There was a large attendance at the funeral, Mr. Wagler having been much respected.

Among those who attended the service in the church at Baden were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

Mr. T. S. Williams had a letter from Scotland with the sad news of the death, at the end of November, of his favorite aunt, Miss Scott. They were very good friends and he will miss her and the news she used to send him.

Raymond, brother of John Howe, who is attending the Belleville school, went through an operation recently. We are glad to hear that he is doing well.

A. M. ADAM.

### Clarifying an Issue

Editor of the Journal:—

Last May there appeared in your columns an article of mine, wherein I offered a few suggestions on Homes for Aged and Infirm Deaf.

Of late my suggestions have been reprinted widely in many of the "L.P.F." While this may be gratifying, I find it very annoying to be classified as opposed to "homes" for indigent and aged deaf. This twisting of facts as appeared in my article only tends to obscure the issue.

You may recall I drew attention to the fact that upkeep of such "Homes" are exorbitant. This was based on reading a report that only a total of 123 people reside in such Homes throughout the country; and the upkeep of these Homes reach into the thousands. It appeared to me it would be much cheaper to pay each needy person a direct grant and permit State Associations who conduct such Homes to devote the balance and all their time to the needs of the majority of the deaf.

My suggestions dealt on how that can be done, citing the Missouri State Association Plan, which seems to be operating satisfactorily. Nowhere in my writing did I oppose the idea underlying maintaining of Homes. The basic idea itself is good. Unfortunately, there seems no way of making it work satisfactorily, efficiently and cheaply. And by the latter I mean in keeping with the number of persons being cared for. Your readers, I am sure, will agree with me that it's downright stupid to run a Home for some 25 people and show a deficit of \$10,000 or more yearly. Such procedure not only is wasteful, but gives the Home idea a black eye.

Once more I suggest that State Associations follow the plan of the Missouri Association — until such a time as they can get together and work out plans for a National Home for Aged and Indigent Deaf. This is no new idea. A good many before me have broached the subject, but nothing has come of it.

Why do not State Associations get together and pool their resources? I'm sure there will be more than sufficient funds to establish a National Home. Choice of location can be safely left in their hands. The next step should be the laying of plans so that such Home will be run efficiently. Then the selection of capable persons to manage it.

The only thing to worry about is "politics." No doubt jealousy will crop up and the best-laid plans will lead to chaos. Wherefore I suggest that the State Associations put the management of such Home into the hands of the National Association of the Deaf and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. These two bodies to be equally responsible in its management. I further suggest that such Home be called the "Gibson National Home for Aged, Infirm and Indigent Deaf." Thus we will honor one who deserved well of his fellow men.

Far from opposing the Home idea I'd be first to affirm its need. I reiterate that I'm opposed to extravagance and stupidity, such as characterize the management of certain Homes. A good many fraternal organizations maintain national

and orphan homes. That run by the International Typographical Union at Colorado Springs is a shining example of what a Home should be. Although a sanitarium, it is run with an eye to the comfort and well-being of inmates, in the most efficient manner imaginable. The superintendent is elected by the members of the I. T. U., and he is responsible to them only and does not have to worry about office-seekers looking for a soft job.

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It makes no difference what kind of work he does.

It makes no difference whether he works for an impersonal corporation or for his father, brother, son or wife.

So long as the worker is less than 65 years old, his employer must take from his pay and send to the government one cent on every dollar of his pay, and must add to it an equal amount of the employers money, as taxes for old-age insurance.

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### National Scout Jamboree at Washington, D. C.

There are only six months to the National Scout Jamboree which President Roosevelt will formally open in Washington, the Nation's Capital. It will last from June 30th to July 9th, 1937. There will be 35,000 to 50,000 Boy Scouts coming to attend the Jamboree from every cranny and nook of the United States, and also many foreign scout delegates from across the ocean. Here they will experience ten days of thrills and soul-thrilling adventures.

Some of the points of the Jamboree will be the Grand Opening Review, the Grand convocation, the Independence Day Display, the Arena Displays, and the last World Brotherhood Ceremony. There will be a trip to Arlington Cemetery, where the Unknown Soldier will be honored in silence; the excursions around Washington will be planned, and also the government buildings will be visited, including the historic monuments. Daily some troops will be carried in army trucks to visit the "Mount Vernon" home of George Washington, beyond the Potomac River at Mount Vernon, Va. Furthermore, small groups will be encouraged to conduct an educational tour of the historic points of Washington.

The religious services will be held for Catholic scouts and Protestant groups on Sunday, July 4th, and for Jewish Scouts Friday evening and Saturday morning. The religious sermons and hymns will be interpreted in signs for the deaf Scouts who attend.

There will be many Scout episodes and plays presented. The Jamboree shows will include a Sea Scout display and water circus in the form of a regatta, and pageant. Camping will be demonstrated in addition to the displays of scouting skills, practices and handiwork. The Jamboree exhibits will be interesting to all the Jamboree visitors.

The Fellowship program will be of importance as it will create better understanding among the many Jamboree delegates from various parts of the country, including those who are afflicted with deafness. The deaf Jamboree group should use this opportunity to make contact with various government departments. The government officials will then understand more clearly the problem of deafness. Therefore, the discrimination against the deaf will be dropped in years to come and government and postal positions will be opened to those who can fulfill the requirement of the Civil Service.

The writer feels that many deaf Scouts will not be able to attend the Jamboree as delegates from their state school scout troops because of lack of funds.

Every school troop can make plans to raise money for sending deaf Jamboree delegates to Washington from their state. Scout pageants can be presented through the suggestion of the local Scout Executive.

Every deaf social organization is urged to help the Jamboree delegates raise money to cover the cost of their Jamboree expenses. A northern state association of the deaf was the only one in the United States to donate \$35 to send two deaf Jamboree Scouts to Washington in August, 1935, but the first Jamboree was officially cancelled because of infantile paralysis. How many will follow the fine example?

Please try to make the Jamboree quota reach 100 deaf delegates. No Scout should miss this event if it is at all possible for him to attend.

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### The Miller Twins

In spite of the handicap which the affliction of deafness has imposed upon them, two of the most successful craftsmen in the printing industry are the deaf-mute twins, Abraham and Nathan Miller. Abraham has been a compositor in the Printing Section of the New York Post Office for the past eighteen years. Two years ago he was rewarded for his meritorious service and consistently fine work by being promoted to the grade of Special Clerk which is the highest rank a clerk can attain. Nathan Miller has been with the Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company for more than sixteen years and now holds the very responsible position of head compositor of its printing department.

The Miller brothers attribute their success in the business world to the general education and trade training they received at the New York School for the Deaf. This School uses the "Combined Method System" of instruction in writing, sign-language and articulation.

The life of the twins parallels very closely a story that could have been written by Horatio Alger. Born October 8, 1892, in Muisk, Russia, both were congenital deaf. Imagine what a blow this must have been to the parents who had five other normal children, and could see nothing but a dark future for two babies who were so dreadfully handicapped! By the grace of God, the mother who brought these boys up physically and morally straight, has lived to see them rise to respected and honored positions in their communities.

When the twins were three years old, the family emigrated to America and settled in New York City, for the parents had heard that here existed schools for the education of the deaf. And they were greatly desirous of giving their deaf children an equal chance in the struggle for existence.

In 1897, at the age of five, the Miller twins entered the New York School for the Deaf, whose principal at that time was Professor Enoch H. Currier. They spent fourteen years at the school making superb progress and always at the head of their classes in scholastic ability. During the summer vacations of their final years at the school the boys worked for their mother, starting first as newsboys with a capital of three cents and later as errand boys and printer's devils in a printing shop.

The Miller twins graduated from school in 1911 and secured positions as compositors in Rochester, N. Y. At the end of a year in that city they returned to New York to please their mother. They immediately applied for naturalization papers and became citizens of the United States two years later.

Luck was with Nathan and he secured a job as compositor with the Library Bureau. Abraham, who had joined the New York Typographical Union Big Six to which organization he belonged for 17 years before resigning five years ago, found it more difficult to secure steady and continuous employment. He decided to try the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. In 1916 he took the competitive Civil Service examination for printer and passed with flying colors. While waiting for appointment he secured a position with the Bartlett-Orr Press. Now steadily employed he twice declined appointment to the Government Printing Office, not caring to leave New York. Finally he was offered an appointment with the Printing Section of the New York Post Office. He resigned from Bartlett-Orr and entered the government service on January 31, 1918, where he has remained ever since.

Nathan Miller remained with the Library Bureau for six years resigning to take a position with Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company, with which organization he is still connected.

Nathan is the quieter and more passive of the twins. The reverse applies to Abe, who is never happy unless he is doing something for the welfare of the deaf. From 1913 to 1922, Abe was assistant to Mr. Albert J. Amateau who was then Executive Director of the Society for the Welfare of the Jewish Deaf. This organization furthered the welfare of the deaf by securing employment for them.

In 1915 Abe organized evening classes in the Christie Street Settlement for the education of those deaf adults who had been compelled to leave school at an early period, and those who had received no education at all. One of the classes is still in existence, located in the H. A. D. Building under the supervision of the New York City Board of Education.

In 1918 and 1919 Abe was treasurer by election for two terms of the Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf (now the Hebrew Association of the Deaf). For the past six years Abe has been the official bookkeeper for the Deaf-Mutes' Union League. During this period he has established a "Standardized Accounting System" for the organization and which the National Association of the Deaf has also adopted. This system greatly facilitates organizational bookkeeping. He has also acted in an advisory capacity to the Finance Committee in charge of investments for the Hebrew Association of the Deaf.

In 1919 Nathan Miller married Miss Augusta Korman, who lost her sense of hearing at the age of ten after an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Miss Korman who had received her elementary education in the normal public schools of New York attended the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf for a short period only. The result of this marriage was three sons.

In 1921 Abe married Miss Bessie Fink who received her training in the New York School for the Deaf. Miss Fink was for several years instructress of millinery in classes conducted by the Society for the Welfare of the Jewish Deaf. This marriage resulted in a daughter. The children of both Miller families are all normal.

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## NEW YORK CITY

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There were gathered at the "The Rockaway" on East 42d Street, some fifty friends last Saturday evening, awaiting to spring a surprise on the popular treasurer of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Mr. Samuel Lowenherz, for his sixtieth birthday. The conspiracy was engineered by Lawrence Timer, Moses W. Loew and Marcus H. Marks, who did the job well and successfully. The excellent repast over, Samuel Frankenheim acted as the toastmaster and referred to Mr. Lowenherz for his unique role of having served the Union League as their treasurer for fifteen consecutive terms. Brief addresses were delivered by Emanuel Souweine, Arthur C. Bachrach, James B. Gass, Seymour Gomprecht, Al Cohen, A. M. Miller, and others. Mr. Lowenherz received a cash gift, for which he arose and thanked the diners in a neat response. Mrs. Lowenherz, sitting by his side, was exceedingly proud of the honors being showered on her spouse. The rest of the evening was spent in light conversation and pastimes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Katz were tendered a surprise party on Saturday, December 19th, in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary, which was attended by a large gathering of deaf and hearing relatives and friends. The affair was held at the Hotel Cadillac at Broadway and 43d Street, and was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Housman. The guests of honor were brought to the hotel about 9:30 o'clock, and found the party awaiting them. After the excellent menu was finished, the couple were presented with a purse of money with which to purchase what they wanted as a memento of the occasion.

Mrs. E. D. Sandler of Philadelphia, was in New York City the week-end of December 19th. She was a guest at the Katz party and took in the Union League affair the same evening, and after visiting relatives and friends in Brooklyn, returned home on Sunday.

The officers of the Theatre Guild of the Deaf were re-elected at a meeting on Sunday, December 13th. Mrs. Gallagher and Messrs. Ascher and Kruger were elected to the Board of Trustees, it being the latter's re-election. President Nies reappointed Mr. Emerson Romero to the office of director. The next play will most likely be held on April 3d, 1937.

## METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, G. C. A. A.

The Ways and Means Committee of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association met one Monday evening at the home of the Rev. G. Braddock. Present at the meeting were Mr. Braddock, Mr. Gamblin, Miss Yeager, all of the committee, Mr. Joselow, President of the Chapter, and Miss Dibble. Much interest was shown, and it was heartily agreed that the Chapter have a banquet on February 5th (Friday evening), to commemorate the centennial birthday anniversary of the late Edward Miner Gallaudet. It was he who brought the fulfillment in Gallaudet College the dreams of his famous father of higher education for the deaf. Being President of the College for 46 years, he saw the graduates, his own boys and girls as he called them, taking their places in many branches of the arts and sciences, in the ministry to the deaf, and as teachers in the schools for the deaf throughout the country. Miss Dibble was chosen to be chairman, with Miss Yeager as her aide. Full details will be announced later. Those interested in the function will please notify Miss Dibble, 100 Morningside Avenue, New York City. A tentative plan was arranged to welcome the basketballers from Gallaudet College, who will pit against Long Island University, still unbeaten in 43 straight games, at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy gymnasium, on the evening of New Year's Day. Mr. Kruger was named to prepare a literary program, and Sunday evening, February 28th, is set for this occasion. A special meeting of the Chapter will be held at St. Ann's Church on Inaugural Day in the evening (January 20th), where important business will be transacted.

On Tuesday, December 22d, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Pachter of Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. The couple have three grown children. Mrs. Elizabeth Isaacs, the oldest, was employed with the New York Telephone Company as chief operator for many years until she got married two years ago. Miss Rose Pachter, the little girl that had a cheerful smile for all who dropped in to see her father, has a position with Loew's Cameo Theatre in Brooklyn. Their son, Elias, has branched out in the business world. He is owner of the Sunrise Sign Service and Neon Signs at Freeport, L. I. Papa Solomon has worked with the Knickerbocker Leather and Novelty Co. Inc., for 38 years as assistant foreman. He

is a charter member of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D., and also a member of nearly all the deaf clubs. Solomon E. Pachter was born in London, England. His wife, Dora Pachter, was born in Minisk, Russia. Her maiden name was Dora Spensky.

The Brooklyn Guild of the Deaf had a Christmas Festival at St. Mark's Parish House on Saturday evening, December 26th, at which over a hundred were present. The committee in charge were Miss Feger and Mr. William Rayner. Daniel Aellis was the rotund Santa Claus that delighted the children, with the gifts and candy. St. Ann's Church also had its party on the afternoon of the same day, with Ernest Marshall in the Kris Kringle role.

ENGAGED.—Christmas eve, December 24th, Mrs. Edna Von Pollnitz to Mr. Joseph Kriegshaber. Mr. Kriegshaber was formerly a pupil of the Lexington School for the Deaf, and Edna of the 23d Street School.

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